

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 and 4-20 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Coleman for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The rejection Claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Claim 16 has been amended to specify "treating." Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 7 and 8 have been appropriately amended. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

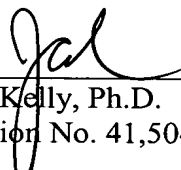
Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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